



REQUEST FOR ABSTRACTS

The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board's (AAIHB) *Eleventh Circle of Harmony HIV/AIDS Wellness Conference*, "Health Care and Policy – Empowerment Through Knowledge" will be held at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico – April 22nd – 23rd, 2013. Early registration and a Talking Circle will be the evening of April 21, 2013 and ends at 5pm on April 23, 2013.

The planning committee seeks presenters who can address the complex and unique issues related to HIV/AIDS have experience and expertise in working with American Indians/Alaskan Natives.

The conference brochure will be distributed in December 2012 and will provide details on the specific content of the conference. For each proposal accepted (only two presenters/proposal) will receive conference registration.

PRESENTATION FORMATS (One of two formats is available to presenters)

The average workshop is attended by 15-20 participants. Presenters are responsible for providing electronic copies of their presentations or handouts to conference committee so that participants may access this information prior to presentation. Please indicate what format you will be using for the presentation.

1) **90 minute breakout session:** This session should be organized similar to the following:

- 30 minute talk
- 30 minute activity that supports the talk (where people can move around and discuss the topic) and
- 30 minutes of topic and conclusion to the breakout session

2) **3 hour workshops:** This session should be organized similar to the following,

- 30 minutes speaker presents on topic
- 30 minutes of some kind of activity such as small group discussion on portion of topic (ex: presentation is on testing: in small groups of 5, discuss pros and cons on why people should test and be prepared to share with whole group.)
- 30 minutes speaker presents on topic
- 30 minutes of another audience participation activity: have some kind of ice breaker. (Conference planning committee is available to suggest and work with the presenter if they need an ice breaker....)
- 30 minutes speaker presents on topic
- 30 minutes of closure with some kind of activity: on the flip chart around the room, write out important points that you heard today and if you have a question that you would like answered, which should include group discussion and/or activity.

SUGGESTED PROPOSAL TOPICS (The topics are not limited to just these)

Affordable Care Act
Linkage and Retention to Care
Innovative Prevention Approaches

HIV Testing
Case Management
Viral Hepatitis

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

HIV Prevention Practitioners
HIV Service Providers
PLWH/A, their friends and family members
Community Leaders
Substance Abuse Prevention Providers
Physicians and Nurses
Mental Health Therapists
Public Health Administrators
Community Health Representatives
Community Members

Social Workers
Case Managers
Substance Abuse Counselors
Outreach Workers
Peer Advocates
Spiritual Leaders
Alternative Healers
Health Educators
Community Coalition Members
Legislators/Tribal Leaders

REVIEW CRITERIA

The Planning Committee will review and evaluate abstracts submitted based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposal;
- Relevance to the conference focus areas;
- Well-defined syllabus and three learning objectives;
- Originality of presentation style and opportunity for participant involvement; and
- Review of previous presentation evaluations, if applicable.

Presenters of selected abstracts will be required to sign an agreement, provide their resume/CV, and sign a Conflict of Interest form.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Send abstracts by **December 7, 2012** to Ayn N. Whyte at awhyte@aaihb.org
2. You will be notified no later than December 21, 2012 regarding the status of your proposal.